

## **Upper Harbor Terminal**

### **MPRB and City staff update to AFCAC**

**August 29, 2017**

- The exclusive rights agreement is completely executed and posted on the Upper Harbor web site.
- First Avenue has selected the SHoP architectural firm from New York as the architect for the amphitheater.
- The development team continues work to gather and analyze site information and to identify options to further evaluate. The process is taking longer than hoped.
- MnDOT and Smart Growth America held a workshop on July 26 to explore opportunities in the vicinity of I-94 and Dowling. Alicia and Georgianna were able to attend to represent the community. It's not known if there will be any report as an outcome.
- We continue exploring potential funding sources. The City Council authorized submission of an application for TEDI (Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure) grant funding to cover part of the cost to reconstruct Dowling so that it can work better as an entry point into the site.
- Community engagement continues, and we hope to have some substantial progress towards an overall concept plan to review with community members in September. Engagement in August included door knocking in the McKinley neighborhood, two workshops and bus tours from neighborhood parks, a presence at community events such as FLOW and the Appetite for Change block party, engagement with Appetite for Change youth and engagement with youth on Mpls Parks Foundation bike and kayak tours. In early September we will continue conversations with existing community organizations to further build an understanding of their needs and potential connections to the site.
- In addition to evening and weekend engagement opportunities for the general community, we held a day-time meeting for the local business community on August 24, and there tentatively will be a luncheon with Northside nonprofits in September.
- THOR Development is looking at holding a meeting to focus on housing in the next couple of months.